



Presentation With an Attitude!!
Due Date: February 11, 2008

Directions: For the next three (3) weeks, you will be conducting research and putting together a persuasive project. This project will give you the opportunity to demonstrate your understanding of the elements of persuasion. These presentations will be shared with the class beginning on February 11th. It is up to each individual to use his/her time wisely.

Requirements:

* **Selecting your topic-** You will need to have a topic selected by Thursday, January 24th. Remember that your topic needs to be:

- 1) Important and interesting- You should select an issue that is controversial, that you and others have strong beliefs or curiosity about.
- 2) Real- This should not be a personal issue. Instead, you must be able to find outside evidence concerning this issue (research).
- 3) Arguable- People must be able to argue for or against your topic.

- Your topic must also relate, in some way, to one of the following four themes: **constancy, change, compromise, or conflict**. Be prepared to explain how your topic relates to one of these themes.

* **Elements of Persuasion-** Your presentation will be graded based upon whether it demonstrates an understanding of the elements of persuasion:

- Thesis Statement
- Reasons
- Examples/Evidence (Research)
- Appeal (Emotional, Logical, or Ethical)
- Rebuttal to Opposition Argument
- Bibliography (MLA)

* **Presentation Options:**

- Power Point
- Essay
- Poster
- Other ideas w/ teacher approval
- Letter
- Movie
- Soundtrack